

Redeemer news

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LAYING A FOUNDATION

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ . 1 Corinthians 2:12

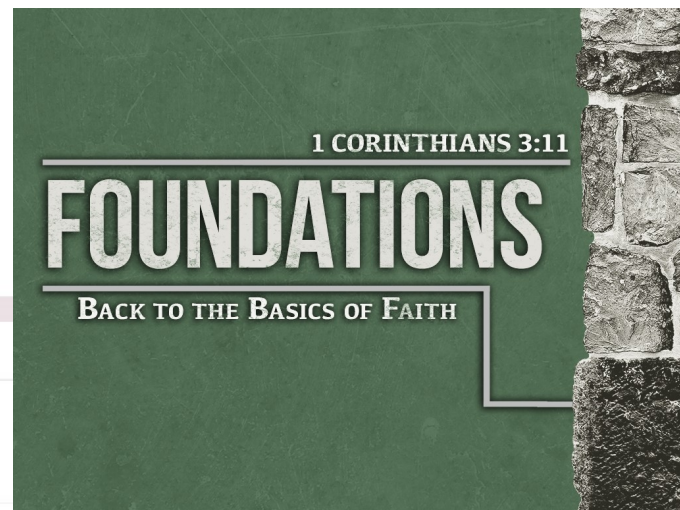
Living in Arizona and Southern California, we've seen a lot of new construction over the last couple decades. One thing you notice as you go by a construction site day after day is the amount of time that is spent on the property before you ever see a wall go up. Then once the walls go up, it seems like it isn't long before the occupants are moving in. There is extensive sitework – grading, utilities and concrete – that goes into every project. Laying a foundation is so important, that *This Old House* has an article on their website entitled, "A foundation is forever – how to do it right."

We have a foundation to our faith. It's the bedrock on which our faith is built. The cornerstone of that foundation is Christ. This means that the foundation of our life as the people of God is built upon Him. In the months of January and February, we will be looking at the teachings of Scripture that illuminate the foundation of our faith and we will see how they center on Christ and shape our everyday lives.

Here's a brief look at the upcoming messages:

- Jan. 8 – **The Story**. The story of the Bible moves from God's Creation to Our Fall to Christ's Redemption to the Final Restoration. In the introduction to this series, we look at how Christ undoes the curse of our Fall into sin by becoming cursed on a cross.
- Jan 15 – **The Word**. Jesus gives us words in His teaching and He is the Word made flesh. Thus, it is vital that we hear and practice His Word.

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January 8: **The Story**

January 15: **The Word**

January 29: **The Gathering**

February 5: **The Water**

February 12: **The Meal**

February 19: **The Mission**



GROWTH GROUP NEWS

Our Growth Groups continue to provide people an opportunity to connect with other believers and do life together in a supportive and faith-nurturing cluster of friends.

A NEW SEMESTER OF GROWTH GROUPS BEGINS FEB. 5!

It's time for a new semester of Growth Groups. Perhaps God is calling you to connect with a community of believers, cultivate a closer walk with Christ and grow a more resilient faith life. Explore our web site and the many Growth Groups currently spurring on one another to love and good works!

Perhaps you find God calling you to start a new Growth Group. You have a passion for a certain activity or a hunger to learn about a topic of interest. Don't wait for someone start a group with this affinity of yours, take initiative and start it yourself. Contact Jeff for more information.

- Jeff Moeller

FOUNDATIONS SERMON SERIES STUDY GUIDE FOR GROUPS

Growth Group leaders and those interested in leading a Growth Group are encouraged to use this next sermon series and the resources provided to connect with others around God's Word and build life on the foundation of Jesus.

Jesus and His Words are the foundation of our faith (1 Corinthians 3:11, Matthew 7:24). The foundations of our life as the people of God are built upon Jesus. This sermon series and accompanying study guide returns us to these foundations and their centeredness in Christ. This study aims to deepen our biblical

awareness of the foundations of our faith and life found in the Old and New Testaments as they center on The Foundation, Jesus Christ.



The study guide and 6 videos offers Growth Groups and individuals a wonderful opportunity to explore the foundations of our faith and God's Word. A great supplement to Pastor Augie's next sermon series.

Email Jeff at jeff@redeemerbythesea.org if you are interested in a link to the study guide and videos for this wonderful Growth Group resource.

- Jeff Moeller

THE THEATER GROUP

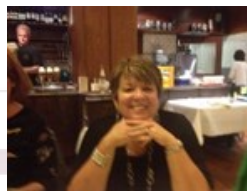
If you love the Arts (Musical Theater, Plays, Music & Dance performances & interesting get-togethers (tours, dinners & outreach projects), please join us! Church members and Guests are welcome to activities.

With a common interest in the Arts as a small growth group, we share fellowship in a fun, social, and spiritual way. We schedule and attend theatrical performances, and other artsy events. It provides a way to celebrate Christian Fellowship, love and unity by means of strengthening friendships from within our church family. But most importantly, it gives us an opportunity as a group to invite new people from outside the congregation to expose and experience what it means to have fun with those who know Christ. Such introduction may be influential enough to bring them to Christ and his church. We also strive to participate in at least one community outreach/service project per semester.

Our meetings are every other month on the Fourth Tuesday@ 5:30 pm. We have a simple agenda; we schedule future events, and we critique previous



performances we shared. We search for hidden lessons found from within the subject matter of the play. We try to support



each critique with Scripture. We have fun in our discussions, and we share a light dinner together before each meeting by



each bringing a 'salad to share'. Our first meeting of 2017 will be Tuesday,

January 24, @ 5-30pm, hosted by Louise Dockerty. Please contact Mary Ann Meinardus, Group Leader, if you are interested in attending this

meeting. Call (760) 216-4922 or email ma.meinardus@hotmail.com.

Highlights from our last fantastic & entertaining theatrical event: The Christmas Musical Show, "The Girls Singers Holiday Show of the Hit Parade" seen at the North Coast Rep. Theater in Solana Beach.

- Mary Ann Meinardus

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS GROUP

We celebrated the December birthdays of John Bacon, Cordelia Degner, Otis Haarmeyer, Suzanne Hughes, Norma Russell, Carol Scoffin, Jo Voertman, Frank Wallner and Joan Wilson December 8 at 11:30 a.m. at Macaroni Grill. Despite the pressures of the holiday season, nearly everyone took the time to stay and fellowship with one another after all the bills had been paid and it was a nice time of visiting.

We start the New Year off on THURSDAY, January 12 at 11:30 a.m. at the Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad

Village Drive (at the east end of the shopping center, at the bottom of the hill) celebrating the birthdays of Jan Bishop, Jeff Moeller and Erika Reising.

In addition to your lunch we request a one dollar contribution per celebrant which will go to the Camp Pendleton Rotary Club, which assists marines and their families.

Everyone is welcome to join us but reservations are needed. To make yours, contact Jo Voertman, 1-760-721-6674, jvbythesea@cox.net.

- Jo Voertman

SALT AND LIGHT

What does the future of America look like after the recent divisive election? Will it be a continuing of the division that has been the hallmark of recent years, or will there be a coming together. This is not suggesting we are all going to agree on things like how to avoid war, or the benefits of trickle-down economics. Those are issues for the professionals to deal with. But the Biblical and moral issues of our time are areas where the American people really agree on more than they disagree.

When the truth about issues of morality is made clear, we see a uniting of the American people. For example when it was made clear that the Chic-Fil-a owner was being attacked simply because he supported traditional marriage, people across America rallied to show their support by coming in droves to his stores; *I think their sales have remained high, even after the 'rally' was over.* That type of clarity is needed in many areas. Our religious liberties are under attack, I believe mostly due to misinformation about what that means. Traditional marriage is demeaned by a small minority in order to promote an agenda. Attempts to restrict abortion frequently fail, in part due to the impacts of abortion not being talked about in the public square.

Are Christians waking up? This past election Evangelical Christians (*those who say being a Christian is an important part of their life*) comprised a record 26% of the electorate and voted 81% for the

Presidential Candidate who - understands there is a war against Christians in America; who promises to defund Planned Parenthood; who supports restrictions on abortion; and who proudly says Merry Christmas.

As we strive to inform our congregation about Christian responsibilities in the civil arena, an upcoming event will help; a visit by Dran Reese, Founder of the Salt & Light Council (*Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at 6:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall.*) She will speak on the topic at the core of what we are about "Churches Role in Civil Government". Then, the following three Sundays, your Redeemer Salt & Light group will provide a study from Lutheran Hour Ministries titled "Two Kingdoms". For the Christian, his or her citizenship is an opportunity to serve in both the affairs of earthly government and the mission of the Christian Church on earth. Questions raised will help you understand the demanding balance between Church and State. The study will be provided between services in the Fellowship Hall, beginning on January the 22nd.

Matthew 5:13-14 *"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its*



saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

- Dan Bitner

BELL CHOIR

The Bell Choir is up and ringing. We have been ringing during communion in the early service about once a month and we hope to ring during the second service soon! I am so thankful for the 5 people who are volunteering their time, having fun and learning something new! We look forward to welcoming some new members in January, but we still have more bells! Come out and try it. It's helpful if you read music, can tell your right hand from your left hand and can count to 4 and sometimes 6. We rehearse on Wednesdays from 6 to 7pm. Contact Kay@redeemerbythesea.org for more information.

- Kay Boland



MOPS

Happy New year everyone! I can't wait for our first meeting in 2017. It will be on Friday January 20th at 9:15AM in the fellowship hall. If your a mom of a child age birth to 6 years old come join us for a great message, opportunity to connect with other moms and have some fun. Remember daycare is provided.



- Suzan A. Colgan

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Our January meeting will be a potluck lunch at 12 noon and through the courtesy of Jo Brandt it will be at her house, 4777 Argosy Lane, Carlsbad. For a list of what you can bring call either Jo, 760-729-0112 or Norma , 760-931-1947. It is time to have a more informal gathering and want you to join us..

- Norma Russell

EAT PRAY MAKE

Come join our Growth Group Eat, Pray, Make on the first Tuesday of the month at 4:00pm at Panera's on Palomar Airport Road. Bring your crocheting, knitting or any stitchery you are working on. Blessings!

- Ellen Bitner

BRIDGE

The New Year for the two-tables-of-bridge-players will begin at the home of Jo Voertman, on January 27th, at 12:30 PM for dessert and coffee. We enjoy the game, the fellowship and, of course, cards with lots of colorful faces which promotes a sense of well being and bidding commences.

If you enjoy this game and would like to be a part of the group please let me know and I will be happy to include your name on the roster and contact you each month for play. We meet on the 4th Friday of the month at 12:30 for dessert and coffee and we enjoy playing at members homes. November is an exception when we will meet on the 3rd Friday and December is dark.

Please call me at 760-707-6677 or e-mail: fobacon@att.net if you would like to play or perhaps be on the substitute list. I look forward to hearing from you.

- Faye Bacon, Bridge Coordinator

SEWING GROUP PROJECTS!



Join the fun on the second Saturday of the month from 9am-Noon.

- Kay Boland

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The new Bible study begins on Monday, January 9th and Wednesday, January 11th at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be available at the Monday study.

It is called "Faithful, Abundant, and True" and presented by Kay Arthur, Priscilla Shirer, and Beth More.

Member books are \$15 and the sign up sheet is in the lobby.

God is faithful. His provision is abundant. His promises are true. Recorded live at the Deeper Still event, this is a 7 week study made to fit into women's busy schedules and only requires 15-30 minutes each day.

- Kay Arthur teaches from basically, the entire book of Hebrews! Hebrews is both an example of God's faithfulness and a challenge to believers to be faithful in difficult times.
- Priscilla Shirer teaches from Ephesians 3:20-21 on God's abundance. A fundamental basis for every believer is the absolute reality that God can do whatever He chooses to do. God's ability empowers our faithfulness.
- Beth Moore teaches on the topic of discernment. In these difficult days it is absolutely essential that we learn to trust the Holy Spirit to enable us to determine what is true and what is false.

- Evelyn Meyer

FAMILY MINISTRY CORNER

"Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:39

THE LAW OF RESPECT

I can remember my first day of Kindergarten. I did not want to be separated from my mother. It wasn't until Mrs. Poland and my Mom showed me it was OK. I would be fine. They empathized with me but helped me understand I need to go to school, my teacher needed to teach and my Mom needed to leave and go about her day. I was learning to respect the needs, choices and feelings of others.

Children don't enter life knowing how to respect others. They need to learn

- To feel sad instead of mad when they don't get their way.
- To respect the "no" of others.
- To understand individuality.

All people need to live with and in the nature of reality. As we grow and mature, our limits and boundaries gain clarity. We can determine what we can change or influence. We also know when we need to move past the protest, accept what we can't change. Accepting loss and that which we cannot have and moving on is essential in life. Sadness is an indication of living in reality. The life lesson is that life is sad sometimes. We don't always get our way. Now we must move on.

Children naturally do not respect limits. The challenge to us as parents is our response when they express disrespect or hatred to boundaries. Empathy and correction are good solutions, enabling a child to apologize and self-correct. If they continue however, consequences are in order. Kids need to learn that when "no" is not respected it hurts people and will cost them relationships.

Our freedom and individuality separate us into unique people and are a critical components of every relationship. Increasing separateness from Mom and Dad and Mom and Dad from child is important to the growing respect for and understanding of our separateness. This lesson in life shapes a child's use of space and time. It influences their choice of friends, their appearance, and their ability to empathize with others. Both parent and child need to know that life does not revolve around them if they are to succeed in nurturing relationships.

Parents play the critical role in the Law of Respect. It's their mission to change the natural disrespect for limits to a healthy respect for boundaries. While it's normal for disrespect to occur, it's not normal for it to continue. Letting the reality of a child's world to teach them combined with the empathy and limits of parent support is a strong formula for learning the Law of Respect.

- Jeff Moeller, DCE
Family Ministry Director

YOUTH MINISTRY

Our Youth Ministry is a wonderful opportunity for young people to connect with a community of believers and to make friends. The many fellowship, service and spiritual growth experiences are designed to equip young people for life of faith in Jesus Christ.

The Huddle – This high school fellowship and leadership development opportunity meets each Sunday morning at 9:45-10:25 in the Lounge.

Project Ephesus is a weekly gathering of HS students at Starbucks on W. Loker. We meet Tuesdays at 7-8 PM for a Bible study and prayer.

Confirmation is a Sunday morning study of the basics of our faith for young people in grades 6-8. We meet in Room 3 at 9:45-10:20 AM.

613 is midweek Confirmation class for Jr. High youth each Wednesday at 6:13 – 7:30 PM. A dinner is provided

MOONLIGHT CLEAN UP!

The winter tides bring in a lot of a debris to our beaches. Our Student Ministry Leadership Team of Phillip Carmack, Laura Cyphers, Tessia Iadicicco and Natalie Moeller are calling all youth in grades 6-12 to join them in making a difference! On Saturday, January 14, let's tackle Moonlight Beach in Encinitas and clean it up. The youth will be meeting at the cul-de-sac on B Street at Moonlight beach in Encinitas at 1:30. We will work from 2-4 PM and then grab some pizza at Leucadia Pizza. It's free! They just need your help in making a difference. Service hours are awarded! RSVP by Sunday, January 8.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Children's Christmas Program was a success! We had a great turn out beginning with dinner, followed by the performance and then the Birthday Party for Jesus. Thanks to all involved in making it happen.

This is the official launch month for "Faithcraft". The children will begin earning pieces of armor from the toolbox as we grow in our faith. To earn their armor, the children must bring their Bibles each week, bring their offering for Jesus, learn Bible passages, the books of the Bible, the Lord's Prayer – to name a few. They will receive a stamp in their passport for each accomplishment and when they reach a certain level, they can make a trip to the toolbox!

We are having a lot of fun in Sunday School and if you would like to help the children "put on the armor of God", please see me.

Until next time, keep serving the Lord....

- Rhonda Sutherlin
Sunday School Director



ANGEL TREE

Thank you to all RBTS Angels who made it possible this year for 145 Marine's children to receive a Christmas gift. The Marines are very grateful for all we do for them.



SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

JANUARY 2017 BEGINS THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE REFORMATION

Beginning on the Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 12th will use CONCORDIA – The Lutheran Confessions as the basis for the study of God's Word, the Bible. |

The book contains all the confessional writings that binds together all of our Churches into ONE FAITH. In this one very readable 762 page volume you will HAVE the following:

The Three Universal Creeds of Christianity

The Augsburg Confession

The Apology of the Augsburg Confession

The Smalcald Articles

THE SMALL CATECHISM

The Large Catechism

The Formula of Concord Part one & Part two

Plus - APPENDIXES:

Catalog of Testimonies

Christian Visitation Articles

Plus - INDEXES:

Abbreviations (used throughout)

Bible Reference Index

Glossary of terms

ALSO - Visual Overview of the Reformation;

Compete with full color reproductions.

If you did not have the opportunity to purchase a sale copy through the office in December, and would still like one, then contact the office and we can order one for you for \$38.

- Pastor Roy Faulstick

GETTING HOUSEHOLD FINANCES IN ORDER

More Than Money Matters is a 4 week workshop that will give you the tools and resources to set financial goals, find money to save, eliminate debt and



establish a strong budget. Each 90 minute session will enable you to budget, handle pressures and show you how values and goals go hand in hand. This workshop series begins Monday, January 23 at 6:30-8 in Rom 4 (The Lounge). Childcare available upon request. The schedule is:

- Monday, January 23- Setting Goals
- Monday January 30- Finding Money to Save
- Monday, February 6- Credit and Debt
- Monday, February 13- Budgeting and Communicating

Register Sundays on your Connection Card or at RedeemerbytheSea.org

- Jeff Moeller

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Daniel Bitner	Jan 3
Emily Michel	Jan 4
Patrick Kiernan	Jan 5
Josephine Lewis Gartrell	Jan 9
Angela Cyphers	Jan 11
Kay Boland	Jan 12
Mariela Hofer	Jan 13
Christian Redl	Jan 14
Chris Hofer	Jan 15
Karissa Lynaugh	Jan 16
Clare Donovan	Jan 16
Jeffery Moeller	Jan 17
Jan Bishop	Jan 17
Paige Gourley	Jan 17
Joan Machado	Jan 18

Kenneth Swick	Jan 20
Michael Batherson	Jan 22
Bonnie Shanahan	Jan 22
David Morris	Jan 22
Kyle Lynaugh	Jan 29
Mitch Batherson	Jan 29
Ken Boland	Jan 29
Ken Rockwell	Jan 30

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Matt & Paige Schaefer	Jan 4
Dean & Lisa Menante	Jan 15
Gregg & Cynthia Boone	Jan 16
Matt & Heidi Busch	Jan 16
Daniel & Ellen Bitner	Jan 30

7 HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE STEWARDS

Habit 6: Give Time and Talent

What can we do with the life that God has given us? Since everything we have really belongs to God, we are simply using for God what God has entrusted to us. This includes our intellect, beauty, skills, energy, time and imagination. Each one of us is uniquely gifted. God has a purpose and plan for each of us that no one else can fulfill. We possess our own unique temperaments, passions, skills and experiences to be used for God's purpose. "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV) As Christian stewards—managers of the gifts God has given us—we are called to reflect God's love in our community. We are called to love as Jesus loved, to serve as Jesus served. This means we have a responsibility to reflect God's love in our homes and offices, city streets and neighborhoods — in everything we say and do. In a world weakened by a lack of love, we are called to offer loving service to others. One of the greatest gifts we can give is the gift of self. Any day is a good day to offer the gift of self to build up the Kingdom of God in our families, communities and church. What will be the fruit of a truly Christian stewardship of time and talent? First, we will multiply ourselves in His service. Second, we will advance the work of the kingdom. Third, we will bring glory to God, and this is the reason we are here.

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SERVANT LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Everyone has a talents, gifts, and a calling from God. Your gifts and calling impacts your home, workplace, community and world. This is the plan, how God designed it. Come and explore what Servant Leadership is in your home, workplace, Growth Group, community and world on Saturday, February 11, in the Lounge at 9 to 11:00 am. Brunch is included! You were born to cultivate faith and health in the lives of individuals and groups that God brings into your life. This workshop will open up this reality to you and gear you up for a Christ-like servant leadership. To register or need more information, contact Jeff at jeff@redeemerbythesea.org.



- Jeff Moeller

FELLOWSHIP

Happy New Year! I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as your Fellowship Chair. If you are able to volunteer to help with activities and would like to be more involved then please let me know, so we can keep you in mind for our next event.

- Suzan Colgan

CHRISTMAS PARTY!

December 3, 2016



DISCOVERY CLASS

Redeemer by the Sea wants to help you walk closer with Jesus Christ. The four sessions of our Discovery Track offer the tools necessary to make this happen in your life. All the way from membership to life-changing ministry, we will lead you step-by-step from discovery to growth into a fulfilling ministry role. Enjoy a light lunch before each session. Held Sundays from Noon—1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.



Church 101- This session is an introduction to the ministry of Redeemer and will help you understand our core beliefs and what church membership is about. Offered the first Sunday of the month from Noon-1:30pm. *Next date is 2/5.*



Essentials 201- This session discusses prayer, small groups and Bible study, and provides the necessary tools every Christian needs to grow in their walk with Christ. Offered the second Sunday of the month from Noon-1:30pm. *Next date is 1/8.*



Discovery 301- We want to help you realize what makes you so unique. This session will help you discover your personality, gifts, and purpose in life and see how God combines them for the best fit in ministry. Offered the third Sunday of the month from Noon-1:30pm. *Next date is 1/15.*



Serve Team 401- This final step of the discovery process gives you the opportunity to be informed about ministry projects and to get connected in specific ministry areas that interest you. It's easy, and fun!

SAVE AND RECYCLE

Ink/Toner Cartridges – at the office to purchase supplies

Amazon Smile: When you make purchases on amazon.com, go to amazonsmile.com. Login normally and choose Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran Church as your charity! They then send us a check!

Box Tops for Education – in the box in the lobby for the K & Preschool

Cans & Bottles (CRV) – by the trash containers in the parking lot to support the art program at the Kindergarten & Preschool

Grocery Coupons—drop off your clipped coupons at the Ladies' Table — they are sent to military bases overseas

JOYFUL RESPONSE

Looking for an easy way to make your donations? Stop by and pick up an electronic donation form in the brochure rack and have your donations automatically deducted from your bank account — at no cost to you or the church. You can make changes at any time!

CHRISTMAS DECORATION TAKE DOWN



Will be on **Saturday, January 14th at 9:30 a.m.** We need lots of hands, including younger and taller men as our senior members cannot/should not go up the tall ladder. We need at least 12-15 people to help. The more hands, the quicker we will get done!

- BJ Campbell Lahr

COMMUNION PREP TEAM

Communion is a sacrament, given to us by Jesus himself, by which we can remember and draw nearer to God through Him. Each time we receive communion, the elements of bread and wine have been faithfully prepared for us by loving hands in the congregation. We need more of those loving and faithful hands for the service of the sacrament going forward! Would you consider volunteering for the preparation of the communion table, the elements of bread and wine, and cleanup? This is a meaningful role in our congregational life, which does not require much time (2 Sundays per year), and we invite you to experience this sacred work for yourself! Contact Hilda for training.

- Hilda Kalaidjian

EVANGELISM

Hello RBTS Church Family and Friends!

We are assembling a mission team for this-coming August to join forces with the B.C. Mission Boat, serving the Great Commission in remote communities off the coast of British Columbia, Canada. Trip activities will likely include: leading a V.B.S.-like program for local children, visiting with shut-ins, leading praise/worship events, and other activities that fit the gifts our team brings to the table and the needs of the community we visit. We are looking for a few more interested team members. Official dates will be

set once our team is solidified. Official application and information packets will be available upon request early in the New Year. If you have any questions or are interested in receiving a packet, please email Christina Shourds at cashourds@gmail.com. In Christ, Christina (2 Cor. 5:17).



- Christina Shourds

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



A team from Redeemer by the Sea went to LA to help prepare the boxes for shipment overseas!

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Redeemer by the Sea's **Women's Ministry** along with the **Salt & Light Ministry** invite the men and women of Redeemer to a special program, **Tuesday January 17th at 6:45 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Dran Reese, founder of the Salt & Light Council will be speaking on the topic of the Church's Role in Civil Government". This is an opportunity to learn how the Church can become a positive influence and witness for our Christian values in government, media and education.

The Women's Ministry will hold their January business meeting including a light supper at 6PM in Youth Lounge. Those men who will be coming

w/their wives are welcome to a light supper in the Fellowship Hall at 6PM. Otherwise men are invited to come at 6:45PM for only the program. We are extending this program invitation to other North County Churches, too.



Childcare will be provided upon request. Register online or on Sunday on the connection cards in order to sign up for the light supper, attending the program and/or childcare.

- Barbara Gehring

LAYING A FOUNDATION, *CONT.*

In this message we talk about the nature and character of Jesus' words – how they are perfect – and how they call us both to faith and to action.

- Jan 29 – **The Gathering.** Worship is the natural and inevitable response of people who have faith in God to a good God. In this message, we look at the nature of worship, the location of worship, and the focus of worship in the Christian life.
- Feb 5 – **The Water.** In the last chapter of Matthew, Jesus calls us to make disciples in two ways: by teaching His Word and by baptizing in His name (Matthew 28:19-20). The Ethiopian eunuch becomes a disciple by baptism. Jesus still makes disciples in baptism today!
- Feb 12 – **The Meal.** When Jesus celebrates the Passover with His disciples the night before He dies, it becomes more than a Passover. It becomes a promise of His presence. For in, with, and under simple forms of bread and wine is the body and blood of Christ. In this message, we look at the Passover and how Jesus' death on a cross leads God not to merely pass-over our sins, but to forgive them!
- Feb 19 – **The Mission.** The call of every Christian is to live beyond themselves. We are to share the hope that we have with the world. When some lepers stumble into an Aramean camp that has been emptied by God, and when they find all sorts of treasure there, they cannot help but share the good news of the treasure with their neighbors. How can

we do anything less than share the good news of the gospel with our neighbors?

I am praying that this series will engage believers by teaching the foundations of what we believe and why we believe it. I am also hopeful that through it we will gain a deeper Biblical understanding of our faith and how to apply it to our daily lives. In other words, we will ask the questions “What does this mean?” and “What does this look like lived out in our lives?”

For those who are new to the Christian faith, these teachings will provide a firm foundation on which to build a lifetime of discipleship! Jesus said, “*Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.*” – Matthew 7:24. Note: There are free Growth Group videos and printed study guides available for this series. Consider using them in your Growth Group or starting a new group that follows this message series.

2017 promises to be a year of great progress for our congregation. Beginning at the end of the month we will embark on a vision clarification process (mark your calendars for January 28th 9 to 11am) – the foundation of which must be Jesus Christ and His mission in our community. I look forward to this next year with you ...

Laying our foundation on Christ,
Pastor Augie



WHO ARE YOUR ELDERS?

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Your elders are a resource to you for your spiritual and ministry needs. Feel free to contact them with any needs or concerns – or just to say hello!

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